

"Ye Shall Not Need To Fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see The Salvation of The LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for The LORD Will Be With you." **2 Chronicles 20:17 KJV**

Believers must "put on The Whole Armour of God, that ye may be able to stand, and having done all, to stand fast in The Liberty Wherewith Christ Hath Made us Free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." We are perched upon the high ground of Redemption's Summit; on The Peak of the "Rock of our Salvation." The Victory Was Won Forever At Calvary! Hold your place with vigilance lest Sanballat's and Tobiah's attacks destroy your faith. As Jerusalem was being rebuilt Nehemiah wrote, "*They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.*" Our primary task is the building of "*the Assembly of the Firstborn*", but we must work with Sword of the Spirit AND the Trowel of Truth lest the enemy catch us unawares. Pastors are the watchmen that sound alarm when enemies approach, "*for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*" We seem to think that this only refers to wickedness in leadership, but doesn't a man's heart lead his life? A "high place" is any place of leadership. Disobedience is how men refuse to worship God. We worship God by obeying Him in everyday life. When you choose/lead your own way instead of God's way, you are guilty of "*spiritual wickedness in high places!*" Wickedness of gossip, doubt, strife, despair, weakness, bitterness, and heresy creep into our midst and a good pastor will warn and rebuke. We must then, put down our trowels and draw our swords before continuing: "*The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*" Continuing to build is no good if our fellows are being wounded. All must defend and build TOGETHER, "*for The LORD Will Be With you.*" Secure the Shield of Faith tightly with the grip of obedience, hold the high ground, and The LORD Will Fight For you!

The faithful man must wield the Sword,
Of Spirit's Truth, Our Lord's own Word,
He need not march against the foe,
But stand his ground and fear no woe. —CGP

A believer's fight isn't physical. "*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For The Weapons of our warfare are not carnal. (Sword of the Spirit) Casting down imaginations, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (the Word).*" Overcome with obedience to God's Word; which is "*mighty Through God to the pulling down of strong holds*" of thought "*and every high thing that exalteth itself against The Knowledge of God*" The battle is truly in the mind and heart. "*The battle is the Lord's! Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see The Salvation of The LORD.*" Gird your loins with Truth and stand steadfast!

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all Wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing With Grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in The Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." **Colossians 3:16-17 KJV**

